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VANCE TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST

AL-AYAM ARTICLE HEADLINED, "WHAT'S IN VANCE'S BAG?" COMMENTED ON HIS CURRENT M.E. VISIT SAYING IT COMES AS A RESULT OF "OVER-ALL TREATMENT OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION TOWARD CONFLICT IN THE AREA, AND ITS EVEN-HANDED TREATMENT OF ARABS AND ISRAELIS. THIS REALISTIC CONSIDERATION OF PROBLEM CAME FROM MR. VANCE'S FIRST M.E. TOUR AND WASHINGTON VISITS OF ARAB LEADERS. VANCE'S TRIP IS AIMED AT PAVING WAY FOR GENEVA CONFERENCE THROUGH ATTEMPT TO BRING TOGETHER ISRAEL AND PLO AT CONFERENCE. HE WILL BE ABLE TO CLEAR THE MAIN OBSTACLE TO CONFERENCE IF HE SUCCEEDS IN PERSUADING ISRAEL TO ACCEPT PARTICIPATION OF PLO.

AL-AYAM EDITORIAL ENTITLED, "THE BLOCKED WAY TO GENEVA", AFTER CONCLUSUION OF VANCE-SADAT TALKS, SAID, "WE DO NOT KNOW PURPOSE OF CONTACTS AND LONG MEETINGS, BECAUSE ARABS HAVE ALREADY MADE CLEAR THAT THEY SHARE THE SAME OPINION." "THE WAY TO GENEVA," EDITORIAL CONTINUED, "IS NOW BLOCKED BECAUSE ISRAEL, BACKED BY U.S., REJECTS A SEPARATE SEAT FOR PLO
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AT GENEVA, WHILE ARABS INSIST ON IT AS PRECONDITION FOR CONFERENCE". STEELE

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